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ISICSB FirstNet Broadband Committee Meeting

Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS)
Ole O. Roe Learning Center (Room 122)
215 E. 7th St., Des Moines, IA 50319
Tuesday, July 14, 2020
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

FIRSTNET MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order/Conference Line

Meeting called to order by Chair Bischof at 10:00 a.m.

Conference telephone line was open for public listening and committee members.

Committee Members Present on Conference Line:

Michele Bischof, Rob Dehnert, Blake Derouchey, Andy Flagge, Chris Maiers, Joel Rohne, Curtis “Wally” Walser, Bob Younie

Guests on Conference Line: David Barnett, Steve Devine, Mary Harp, Kyle Richardson

Committee Members Absent: Brian Blodgett, Steph Coffey, Dennis Hart, Jason Hoffman, Larry Hurst, Mike Jensen, Gerard Meyers, William McClain, Shawn Olson, Larry Smith, Corey Trucke, Jim Wittenwyler

Guest Attendees: Hollie Davidson



Welcome Remarks – Chair Bischof

Chair Bischof welcomed the group and introductions of those on the conference line were made.

Review Action Items from Previous Meeting

a. Update on “Who’s on FirstNet?” Database (Joel Rohne)

1. Continue to encourage agencies to sign-up on database
2. Encouraging bordering states to also sign-up on the database
3. Joel Rohne is meeting with Minnesota next week and will encourage them to sign-up on the database

b. FirstNet Call Center Update (David Barnett)

1. Nothing new to report
2. Item can now be removed from the agenda action list

c. 911 FirstNet Host Remote Update (Blake DeRouchey)

1. The plan is to begin the process of 911 host remote installation in August 2020
2. FirstNet will be utilized as a backup for remote call handling

d. Debrief from Meeting with Andy Sackreiter (Chair Bischof)

1. Chair Bischof gave a summary of Andy Sackreiter’s attendance and presentation at the June FirstNet Committee Meeting.
 2. A complete list of the questions addressed by Andy is available in the June 2020 FirstNet Committee Meeting Minutes.
 3. The Committee will request quarterly updates from Andy Sackreiter
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FirstNet Update (Kyle Richardson)

a. Update Region VII

1. The FirstNet Board approved reinvestments for \$218 million for network enhancements specifically related to 5G and deployables.
2. Continue to provide webinars related to the roadmap, deployable program, efforts to support exercises, high power equipment, tools, uplift requests
3. FirstNet.gov now has a drop-down menu on the Home page that includes Iowa specific information.

AT&T Update (David Barnett)

a. Tower Site Update

1. No new towers
2. Nine smaller cells added throughout the Des Moines metro area (David will provide exact locations at August FirstNet meeting)

b. Regional Update

1. FirstNet black SIM card now active and roaming with the roaming partner and feedback regarding functionality is positive
 2. Iowa has been selected for beta testing that consists of High Power User Equipment (HPUE) that doubles coverage range using Band-14. The testing will take approximately 1 to 1-1/2 months, and should be available for agency purchase in the fall of 2020.
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SWIC Report – (Chris Maiers)

a. Continue to answer questions from agencies

b. LTE Deployable Interference Policy

1. Received feedback from stakeholders
2. The policy will be revised and re-opened for public comment

c. Beta Testing

1. An extension may be requested for the testing

d. Minnesota

1. SWIC Maiers recently participated in a lengthy discussion with Minnesota regarding how FirstNet is used in that state
2. The meeting consisted of several unanswered questions
3. Showed great interest in Iowa's "Who's on FirstNet?" database

e. Call Hand-offs

1. There have been some notable improvements

f. Mobile Command Vehicle

1. Work in progress for installing LMR dispatch consoles
2. DPS might add 911 call-taking equipment

g. Traffic Management Advisory Meeting

1. SWIC Maiers gave a presentation
2. Discussed overview and uses of FirstNet

h. Information Sharing Task Force

1. Meetings have reconvened
 2. Collaboration with NICSWIC, SAFECOM, and CISA
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Questions/Comments

a. Future Topics (Chair Bischof)

1. Invite current FirstNet subscribers to give user experiences
2. SWIC Maiers update on TIA/TR-8 progress

b. Comments

1. Joel Rohne reports that he has been selected to participate in the Governor's Economic Recovery for Iowa Working Group. The goal of the group is to determine how to increase broadband across Iowa. Joel will keep the Committee updated on the progress of the working group.
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New Action Items

1. Update on "Who's on FirstNet?" Database (Brian Blodgett, Joel Rohne)
 2. 911 FirstNet Host Remote Update (Blake DeRouchey)
 3. Update on Governor's Economic Recovery for Iowa Working Group (Joel Rohne)
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Next Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2020, @ 9:00 am

Location: GoTo Meeting Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/199758621>

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Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.